

GOLDEN RULES OF TRACKING

Look sharply and intently. Look carefully and patiently. Take time to think. Form a picture of the situation in your mind. Study the tracks.

You must know the basic rules of tracking before you try decipher a story.

1. Look towards the sun first to see the shadows of the spoor.
2. Move around the area to see from all angles but never cross it.
3. Study the spoor carefully and make notes.
4. Try to think like the people or animals making the spoor.
5. Don't look only at the spoor, but also for broken twigs, items dropped, wet patches etc.

